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CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
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Phyllis Biedess, Director
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Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 01-014, which describes the agencies determining eligibility for Title XIX. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of October 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid

cc:

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Responsibility for Title XIX Eligibility Determinations

INTRODUCTION

In Arizona, all Title XIX eligibility determinations are made by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), the Social Security Administration (SSA) or AHCCCS. Title XIX determinations are consistent with federal laws and regulations, state statutes and rules, Title XIX State Plan, Arizona 1115 Waiver, the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between AHCCCS and DES and the 1634 agreement between AHCCCS and SSA.

ELIGIBILITY AGENCIES**Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)**

DES staff in two divisions, the Division of Benefits and Medical Eligibility (DBME) and the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), performs the acute care eligibility determinations for children, families, and single adults who are not aged, blind or disabled.

With the exception of foster care and adoption subsidy children, Title XIX DBME staff in 106 statewide local offices process Title XIX applications. In addition, Title XIX applications are accepted in community sites throughout Arizona. Sites include hospitals, FQHC's and certain Department of Health locations. Applications are also accepted by mail at both DES and AHCCCS.

DCYF staff conduct Title XIX eligibility determinations for children in the foster care and adoption subsidy programs.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

SSA provides AHCCCS with information on individuals who are eligible or ineligible for SSI cash via the File Transfer Protocol. The agreement between AHCCCS and SSA provides for the transfer of eligibility information.

AHCCCS - Division of Member Services (DMS)

DMS is responsible for determining TXIX eligibility for ALTCS (Arizona Long Term Care System), Medicare Cost Sharing, and SSI non-cash persons. ALTCS and Medicare Cost Sharing applications are processed in 16 statewide local offices. If a client who applies in an ALTCS office is approved for SSI non-cash or Medicare Cost Sharing, the case is transferred to the AHCCCS SSI non-cash office.